THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ONGC's Agreement with Non-Public Financial Institutions

746. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is planning to rope in non-public sector financial institutions for hiring people at market related pay packages; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard including the stake to be held by the corporation in the joint venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) In view of recent policy changes in the Hydrocarbon sector, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), a Navratna Public Sector Undertaking in the upstream Hydrocarbon sector, intends to expand its business through value chain integration encompassing refining and marketing sectors also, so that it can effectively face market competition. In this scenario, examination of various options, including formation of Joint ventures, by the management of ONGC, for efficient structure and to seize emerging business opportunities, has been a continuous process. ONGC has informed that their Board of Directors has not taken any decision on formation of the said Non-Government Joint Venture, as of now.

Petrol pump in Alaknanda of South Delhi

747. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no petrol/CNG pump in the vicinity of Alaknanda and Greater Kailash-II area of South Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that customers have to drive down 2/4 kms. for filling up petrol;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to set up petrol pump in that area on a priority basis; and